



DRAFT MINUTES
September 13, 2010, 6- 8 p.m.

**Location: STAR (Special Technology Access Resource) Center at Center Park
2101 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S.**

Attending: CTTAB members: Ted Schmitt, (Chair), Stacey Wedlake, Roni Ayalla, Karen Manuel, Brian Hsi, Bryan Dosono, Daniel Carillo, Jr., Robert Dolin,

Absent: Will Pugh (Co-chair) Marina Martin,

Staff: David Keyes, D'Anne Mount, Tony Perez, Bill Schrier

Public: Oscar Escalante (STAR Center Coordinator), Dorene Cornwell,

- 1) Introductions of Board, STAR Center Hosts and other attendees (10 min)
 - a. Bryan Dosono, new Get Engaged Board member was approved by Council.
 - b. Approval of July minutes Roni motion, Brian second, approved
 - c. Chair report: Thanks to STAR Center for hosting.
- 2) Public Comment: none, except a welcome to the STAR center from Oscar Escalante and Doreen Cornwell.
- 3) Proposed transfer of Broadstripe franchise to WAVE - Tony Perez, Office of Cable Communications
 - a. WAVE transfer. Wave is based in Kirkland. Has history of purchasing other franchises and fixing them up. Broadstripe is in bankruptcy court. City received FCC form 394, formal documentation for them to buyout the franchise and to initiate transfer.

Schedule: In the past Council and Mayor have asked for CTTAB recommendation on transfer and do you want conditions on the transfer. City has 120 days to render decision. Application effective August 26th, so 120th day is Dec 25th. We can't grant the transfer until 30 days after it is introduced to Council, then if approved, it is not in effect for 30 days after Mayor signs it. So needs to be introduced to Council about 65 days before passage of legislation approving transfer.

Next Thursday, Sept 22nd, Department of IT is expected to make a high level intro of the franchise to Council. Expect legislation to be presented October 17th (CHECK THIS). Council has to provide notice to public about hearing 1/wk for 2 weeks prior

to hearing. Hearing date expected week of Oct 31st, or Nov 7. They could decide to have more than one hearing. After hearing, need to collate and report on public comments.

In the public interest: City has criteria for this determination. Criteria are based on tech, legal and financial capacity. City will look at how well Broadstripe has addressed the tech issue of improving pole attachment infrastructure. Other items to resolve are customer ascertainment and illegally assessed tax. Tony projects this will be about \$20-30k that CTTAB can have input on how it gets applied.

Tony's preference is to share the report with CTTAB prior to presenting to Council.

Hopeful that the transfer will result in improved customer service and technical quality. Representatives from WAVE would like to introduce themselves at CTTAB meeting October 11th.

One initial upgrade that WAVE will do that should upgrade picture quality is bypass Broadstripe headend, then they will be upgrading the headend later. They will also do "node segmentation," cutting down the node size, which should result in greater capacity for bandwidth per home. Will also install Doccis3 which sacrifices channels, but allows greater bundling for Internet service. About \$15mil would come in for capital improvements.

Brian: If this doesn't go thru, then what? Answer: If we find issues with WAVE, then the transfer could be denied. They could challenge in court. The risk is that we continue with a bankrupt Broadstripe.

The time for CTTAB to comment will be during the 30 days from when legislation introduced (mid-October) and action date in November.

4) Director's Report - Bill Schrier

Budget and Grant Program Consolidation: Bill presented highlights of the Mayor's proposed Budget. The Council will act by Thanksgiving. See Mayor's budget speech on the Seattle Channel.

The Mayor is proposing consolidation of grant programs, Seattle Public Utilities, Office of Economic Development and Technology Matching Fund (TMF) grant programs. We don't think this will impact amount of TMF. Should be at or around the 300k level, but aren't sure at this point.

The CTTAB role is expected to be the same and the grant dollars will remain with DoIT, but administration of the grants will go to Department of Neighborhoods.

David Keyes comment: We can expect to see some impact on the Community Technology Program with loss of a staff person, but are not sure of the level of impact yet.

Best of the Web award – Note that City just received the Best of the Web award and an award for the Data.seattle.gov project. (See news release at <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsdetail.asp?id=12054&dept=48>)

GigU – Bill will send a powerpoint slide deck. Championed by Blair Levin, one of the primary authors of FCC Broadband plan. 28+ Universities participating to extend gigabit service to communities near the Universities. A Request for Information (RFI) is coming out. There will be a Sept 26th bidders conference.

In Seattle the focus is on South Lake Union and Cascade area due to businesses there and potential for partnership with the UW.

Bruce Harrell Recognition – Getting a NATOA Award for the Broadband Visionary next week.

A New Director of Electronic Communications has been hired. Sabra Schneider – She has experience in the West Seattle community, worked for King County managing their web presence, and produces KCNews,

5) Community Technology Report - David Keyes

Technology Matching Fund: The Tech Matching Fund legislation is coming to Council Energy, Technology and Civil Rights Committee. CTTAB is to join at the table, along with some of the recipients. Following this, there will be a reception and awarding of grant certificates to the Mayor. (To be held Sept 21, 2-4 pm)

Proposed change in Tech Matching Fund administration: David and Delia will be working with Department of Neighborhoods to plan what the proposed grant consolidation means operationally.

Get Online Week: Vicky Yuki has been leading the organizing with the CTTAB committee. One Economy is joining us this year as a partner.

6) Approaches to Broadband Awareness, Planning and Mapping – Karen Manuel

Karen Manuel presented a powerpoint on approaches to broadband mapping, community involvement in broadband planning, and education about the applications of broadband and broadband adoption efforts in Wyoming and other states that Karen has been working with under a Department of Commerce Broadband grant. This powerpoint will be posted on the CTTAB web site.

7) Get Online Week: Committee Report – See above note in Community Technology. There are approximately 10 labs signed up to that will offer open houses and specific workshops. See <http://seattle.gov/getonline/>

8) Public Engagement – Brian & Roni

David and Roni shared the Code for America Project beta site: seattle.changeby.us. Expectation is that the code will be placed as open source. Brian commented that this would enable potential redesign of some of the interface, which needs to be strengthened for usability.

9) There were no other committee reports

10) Next meeting: The next meeting will be October 11, in the normal place at the Municipal Tower. We expect Wave Broadband to present and likely Century Link, Tony will do a presentation on cable vs telco infrastructure.

11) Tour of the Computer Lab: The meeting ended with a tour of the STAR Center assistive technology computer learning lab.